

**JULY 2003 AGENDA**

| SUBJECT | | ACTION |
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| | X | INFORMATION |
| | | PUBLIC HEARING |

Recommendation:

Recognize and commend the members and coach of the 2003 National Champion Academic Decathlon Team from Moorpark High School in the Moorpark Unified School District in Ventura County.

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action

Periodically, the State Board recognizes and commends exceptional academic achievements by California students. In this case, the exceptional accomplishment of these students was brought to the State Board's attention by Ventura County Superintendent of Schools Chuck Weis (Chair of the NCLB Liaison Team) and State Superintendent Jack O'Connell.

Summary of Key Issue(s)**Moorpark High School's 2003 Academic Decathlon Team**

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| Adam Abed | Paul Ideal | Ashlee Scott |
| Max Geiger | Nathaniel Jones | Grant Volk |
| Lindsay Hebert | Kevin Randolph | Tracy Yagi |
| | Larry Jones, Coach | |

The 2003 National Academic Decathlon was held last April in Erie, Pennsylvania. Moorpark High School's team emerged the national champions, successfully challenging 37 other teams from across the United States. The competition involved a variety of subjects, including mathematics, history-social science, music, and "super quiz." Moorpark was proud of the fact that its team included "not only 'A' students, but 'B' and 'C' students as well. The idea is to bring the students together to compete as a team." Moorpark High School previously won the National Academic Decathlon five years ago.

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate)

N/A.

Attachment(s)

None. Certificates of Commendation will be provided to the team members and coach.